

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the Abstract with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of the abstract, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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--An image pickup apparatus for X-ray photography is structurally adapted to absorb external impacts and possible resultant deformations such as deflections of the cabinet so that the interior is protected against damage and remains intact if the cabinet is deformed by the external load. The two-dimensional image pickup apparatus comprises a substrate, two-dimensional photoelectric converters formed on the substrate and an apparatus cabinet containing the substrate and the photoelectric converters. At least part of the apparatus cabinet is deformable and capable of restoring its original profile. A plurality of containers such as air bags may also be inserted into the gap between the substrate and the apparatus cabinet to prevent the inner wall surface of the apparatus cabinet and the substrate from contacting each other.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 through 5 and 7 through 16 to read as shown below. A marked-up copy of Claims 1 through 5 and 7 through 16, showing the changes made thereto, is attached as an Appendix. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Amended) A two-dimensional image pickup apparatus comprising: